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**Subject:** #2 Return Air Shaft / Crandall Canyon / Willow Creek Mine

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Dennis Ware just called to inform the Division that the #2 shaft (where the escape capsule was located) has now settled, to what he think's may be approximately 200 feet. He chucked a rock into the hole and counted approximately 3 seconds before he heard it splash. Apparently water is running into this hole from a subsurface flow adjacent to the shaft.

Dennis has contacted Nielson Construction and efforts are being made to get a trackhoe to the area to investigate what is going on.

I believe we may want to send a DOGM representative, but I am unavailable. Mr. Ware indicated they will not start any backfilling in the area until about 1 PM. I would recommend sending Dana, but its managements call, and she is also scheduled for the Moab training.

Dennis was instructed not to allow anyone get too close to the edge of the hole.

The ground is probably quite soft.

We may want to just move the fence back and wait until summer.